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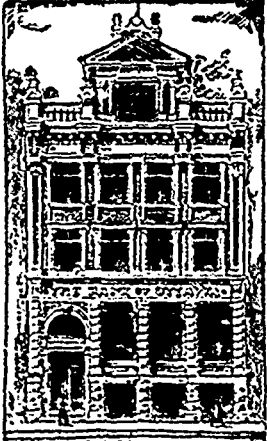
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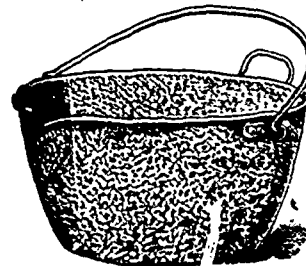
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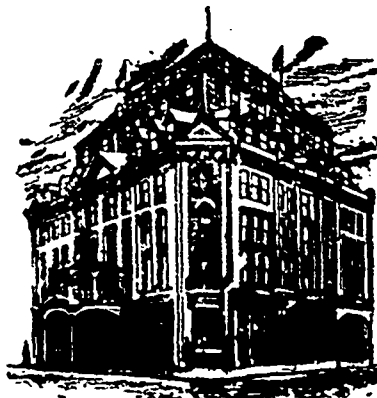
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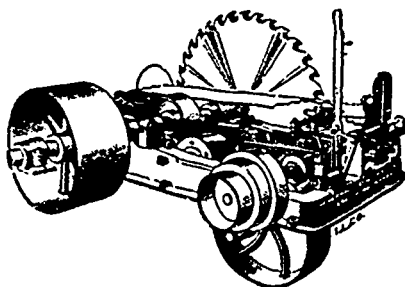
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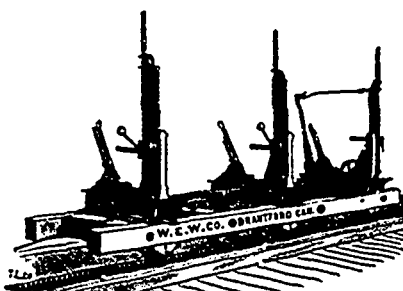
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STORING WINTER APPLES.

The attention of The Commercial has been recently directed to a practice which is common with the merchants of the west, particularly the country merchants, of storing winter apples, cranberries, etc., in overheated rooms and with the barrels standing upon end so as to seriously affect the quality of the goods. At first thought it would seem almost unnecessary to comment on the foolishness of storing winter fruits in this way as a merchant's consideration on the part of any merchant will convince him that goods so stored are almost sure to deteriorate in quality in a very short time. The barrels should be put in cool rooms away from fires and should be laid on their sides, not stood on end. Otherwise the contents will spoil and shrink and when the barrels are opened for use they will be found lacking in both quantity and quality as compared with their condition when received.

It frequently happens that country merchants who are not careful to protect their stocks in this way blame the jobbing concern which supplied the goods for the loss and make claim for compensation. That the jobbing house should have to make good such loss is manifestly unfair. There are very few country stores which could not easily and without any expense avoid setting their apples, etc., in warm rooms and with the barrels on end and even where a little extra expense is necessary to provide proper accommodation it will always be well repaid by the saving effected on the quality of the goods.

The N. P. in Manitoba.

A representative of this journal has just returned from a trip over the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific Ry., and a few remarks as to this section of the country may be of interest.

The past year has been a very successful one for the business men and the ensuing year promises to be even more so. While there has been no very rapid increase in the population of the different towns still a steady growth has been going on as shown by the number of buildings which have been erected. This is not confined to the towns as a large number of farmers have built handsome residences which they have fitted up in the most approved fashion, not forgetting the hot air furnaces.

While this year's crop has been a little disappointing, the yield having fallen somewhat short of the estimate, still it has been very satisfactory on the whole, the general average being a little over 20 bushels to the acre, although at a few points it will be less than that. The wet weather about the middle of October delayed threshing for a week or two and as a result business has been dull and collections very slow; it is not thought, however, that much damage has been done as

to have given it much of a setback. Higgins & Webster, who were among those burned out are just completing a large brick veneer store on the site of their old stand and expect to move into it in a few weeks. A Cameron & Co. have moved their stock of furniture into their new store, their old stand being occupied by H. S. Shilson & Co., general merchants. Mr. Shilson comes from Brandon, where he spent ten years with Nation & Showan. Steen Bros., general merchants, are contemplating the erection of a large brick building next season to accommodate their increasing business. Lyons & Scott have opened a butcher shop, while Fitzsimmons, butcher of Winkler, has established a branch here. In addition to these there are two harness makers, two hardware stores, implement warehouses, photograph gallery, barber shop, etc. Several residences have been erected this year, the new Baptist church is about completed and a very large skating and curling rink is now under construction.

Rockbank, though quite a small place, does a very large grain business, necessitating the erection of four elevators. John Malcolm has a hardware store here, and A. H. Baker carries a stock of general merchandise. In addition to this there is a harness shop, lumber yard, chop mill, etc.

Miami has grown to be a town of considerable importance as it is the centre of a good farming community. There have been very few business changes here during the past year. E. C. Irwin has opened a hardware store and W. J. Rutledge has bought the butcher shop formerly run by Hugh Sæoon. A farmers' elevator was erected here this year. There is also a first-class hotel at this place.

Altamont, Somerset, Swan Lake and Mariapolis are small places but show signs of growth. Large quantities of firewood are shipped from these points yearly.

At Baldu a considerable amount of building has been done this year, aggregating \$18,000. A. Fowler has erected a large brick block. He is occupying part of it with a stock of boots, shoes and harness, the remainder being leased to J. Smith & Co., who have just moved in with a large stock of general merchandise. These stores are well lighted and fitted up in first-class style. W. J. S. Waugh has just opened out with a general stock, Mrs. S. C. Bell and F. F. Curtis also deal in general merchandise. Frank Schultz does a private banking, real estate and insurance business. He came to Baldu in 1882, when the town was in its infancy and shortly afterwards purchased the townsite, which he still controls, as well as some 600 acres of farm lands near the town. One can form a good idea of the growth of Baldu when we say that the sale of town lots last year amounted to \$3,800 and that Mr. Schultz' business for the year amounted to \$80,000, the year previous being \$120,000.

Belmont the next town on the line, has seen several changes of late, the principal ones being a new drug store, harness shop and a bakery, new buildings being erected for each of these. There have been several dwellings erected this year and W. S. Farney reports having sold a great deal of lumber to the farmers. Standing & Co., and G. Tumoth are the general merchants at this point. At Belmont the traveller boards the "cannon-ball" for points on the Souris River branch, which is 46 miles in length, runs through one of the best wheat dis-



FOWLER'S BLOCK, BALDU.

the most of the grain then unthreshed was stacked.

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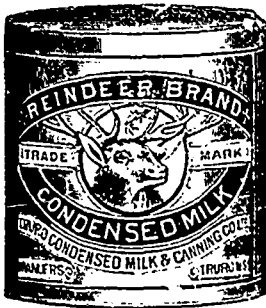
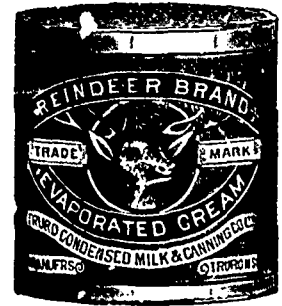
Several buildings have been erected here and some of the business buildings improved during the past summer. Particular mention might be made of the Commercial Hotel, which, under the management of Spence Bros., is being thoroughly remodelled. Lawrie Bros. have moved into the new block which they built last year. They have had it fitted up in the latest fashion, including acetylene gas and the cash railway system, and with the increased stock they are now carrying they have as fine a store as is to be seen anywhere in this country. They have this year also built a large furniture warehouse. Chisholm & McKenzie have also a large and well assorted stock of general merchandise, while J. M. Phillips supplies the district with hardware.

Leaving Morris the next town we reach is Roland. This town has made good progress during the past few years and the heavy loss by fire which it sustained last year does not appear

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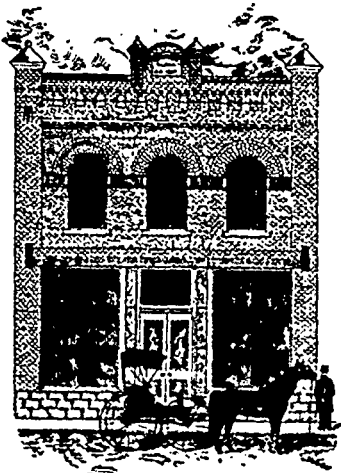
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tricts of Manitoba. It is almost beyond belief that towns could spring into existence as quickly as those along this line of railway did, especially so when we remember that most of the buildings were run up during the winter. They are all frame and as they were built in such a hurry more attention was paid in most cases to the matter of shelter rather than of comfort. The finishing touches are, however, now being added.

Ninette is the first station on this line. It is very prettily situated in Lang's valley at the head of Pelican lake and when better known is sure to be a favorite spot for camping parties. There are three general stores here.

Dunrea is the next town and gives evidence of becoming a very good business point. It has already grown to a considerable size. W. H. Lawlor, W. D. Mackay and Fawcett have general stores, J. McNaughton & Co. have a hardware store and lumber yard and A. Dunlop & Sons also have a lumber yard. In addition to this there is a livery stable, implement warehouses, fruit store, etc.

Minto has three general stores, a hardware, drug store, blacksmith shop, etc. There were two townsites laid out at this point, and for a while there



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was a strong rivalry between the two places which might have hurt the town had it continued. Minto is in the centre of a good wheat district and will no doubt be an important point.

Elgin is the last town on this line, although the track runs a few miles further on. Very few places have grown to the size of Elgin in so short a period, it has two general stores, one grocery, flour and feed store, drug store, harness shop, men's furnishing store, two hardware stores, three lumber yards, implement warehouses, livery stable, etc., as well as a very good hotel.

Returning to the Morris-Brandon branch, the next point after leaving Belmont is Hilton. Chas. Brown and A. F. Baker are the general merchants at this point.

Wawanesa is one of the prettiest towns in Manitoba. It is situated in the valley of the Souris river, although considerably above the bed of that stream. There are some very pretty drives in the vicinity as the country to the south and west is hilly and for the most part covered with wood, small lakes being frequently seen from the road. A remarkably fine

view can be obtained by climbing the hill behind the town to the prairie level and following the road which runs along the edge of the valley for some distance. Wawanesa is an important business town. Russell and Salder are the owners of a large flour mill at this point. The principal business change is that of S. Coppleman, who bought J. C. Robinson's stock of general merchandize.

Rountonville is the last town on this line before reaching Brandon. There are two general stores here owned by Jas. Martin and E. S. Shearer. Besides this Samuel Hawkins carries on a harness business and there are the usual quota of blacksmiths' shops, liveries, elevators, etc.

This completes a review of the business centres on this important part of the railway system of Manitoba, so far as mentioning their names and principal features is concerned. It is difficult to always convey a complete and correct idea of the size and importance of such places in the hasty survey which is all that can be made in this way, and moreover, the correspondent visiting such places for a few days at a time, is unable to grasp himself all the distinctive features of a town. Enough has been said, however, to show that the towns on the Northern Pacific branch lines in Manitoba are growing no less rapidly than those on other railway systems, and are yearly gaining in population, wealth and influence.

London Fur Sales.

Phillips, Poltzer & Co. report as fellows on C. M. Lampson & Co.'s October fur sales:

Raccoon—26,204 skins (last year, 7,788). Met with fair competition at about June prices.

Musquash—24,087 skins (last year 68,651). Still greatly neglected, and prices realized in last sale were hardly maintained.

Skunk—1,448 skins (last year 16,204). Quantity too small to report upon.

Mink—18,632 skins (last year 24,557). A good many skins of the better grades remain unsold, and prices of such goods are fifteen per cent lower, but for commoner sorts the demand is better and prices remain unaltered.

Marten—2,803 skins (last year 7,803). Have sold far better during the last few weeks, and stocks are very much reduced. Prices realized in present sale were five per cent to ten per cent lower, no doubt, through the absence of American buyers, who were great supporters of the article in the spring sales.

Marten, Japanese—2,784 skins (last year 8,016) Reached very high figures, and a further advance of fifteen per cent on the already high prices of June has to be recorded.

Sables, Japanese—802 skins (last year, 3,518). In good demand, and realized twenty per cent above March prices.

Fox, red—2,043 skins (last year 3,290). In much request for France for dyeing purposes, the article being used in natural colors as well. They have also been bought for the American market during the summer months in considerable quantities, so that available stocks are very limited. Prices, compared with June, are seventy-five per cent higher.

Fox, cross—511 skins (last year —). Met with much spirited competition, in sympathy with silver fox, and the article is being largely used in France. The advance, compared with March figures, is over 100 per cent.

Fox, silver—180 skins (last year —). This is about the most fashionable fur of the season, and stocks in the hands of dealers are entirely cleared. Prices, compared with March, are over 100 per cent higher.

Fox, white—915 skins (last year 1,890). Have been steadily selling from the beginning of the year at continually advancing prices, and there was a brisk competition at forty per cent higher values than last June.

Fox, blue—268 skins (last year —). Also in very good demand, and present values show an advance of thirty-five per cent on March prices, and, in consequence of the unprecedented inquiry for this article, the Royal Greenland Trading Company announce that their annual sale will be held on the 10th of November instead of in the middle of February next, as usual.

Fox, gray—7,460 skins (last year 2,401). Advanced in sympathy also with all other foxes, and a rise of sixty per cent was established.

Fox, Japanese—10,947 skins (last year 7,660). In good demand, and were eagerly competed for at an advance of thirty per cent. Common Korean skins unaltered.

Lynx—7,756 skins (last year 585). In great request, especially for the French market and for Germany for dyeing purposes. The advance was over seventy-five per cent above last June prices.

Otter—3,162 skins (last year 960). Not in much demand, but prices remain unaltered.

Beaver—1,405 skins (last year 1,089). Showed some improvement, a good many light-colored skins having been bought for the American market since the March sales. Prices are about ten per cent higher.

Opossum, Australian—311,132 skins (last year 625,652). Demand was more moderate, and, notwithstanding the greatly reduced quantity, as compared with last year at this time, the decline is fifteen per cent.

Wallaby—51,998 skins (last year 50,993). In good request, especially the Swamps. Compared with last June, there is an advance of thirty per cent.

Bear, black—1,129 skins (last year 3,517). Have done very much better than in June, as there has been a demand for the article of late, especially for the cheap kinds, on which the advance is very heavy. For the better grades the demand is not so great.

Wolf—2,339 skins (last year 783). Advanced thirty per cent.

The Cohoe Salmon Pack.

Yesterday was the last day of the coho salmon fishing season, says the New Westminster Columbian. From various causes the number of canneries engaged in packing cohoes this season is not large, nor have any of the individual packs come up to that of some previous years. One cannery, at least, has made an experiment and put up 2,500 cases of "dog salmon," in addition to its pack of cohoes. These, no doubt, will sell well in certain markets. A considerable quantity of salmon have also been salted, chiefly by Japanese, who ship it to Japan, where there is a good market for it. There has been quite a lot of cohoes frozen at one or other of the local fish freezing establishments, and these will subsequently be shipped east by rail, or to Australia by steamer, and placed on the market, just when fresh fish is in demand. The Fraser River coho pack this year will be roughly speaking, 33,000 cases, considerably more than at one time was expected.

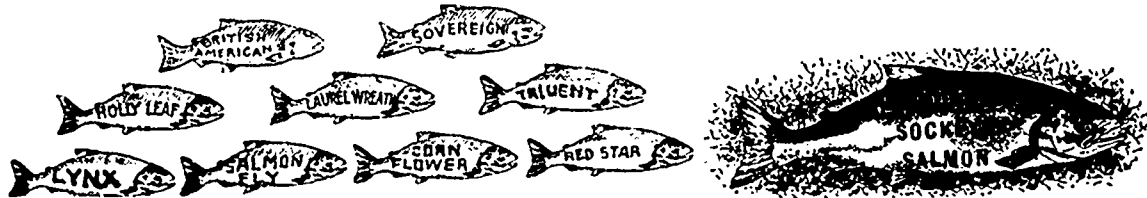
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	99,000
Toronto	51,000
Kingston	50,000
Coteau, Que.	173,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	80,000
Winnipeg	205,000
Manitoba elevators	5,000,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,923,000

Total Nov. 4. 7,581,000
Total a year ago 4,024,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, on Nov. 1, were 77,195,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 33,930,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 11,085,000 bushels, compared with 5,621,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 11 was 52,562,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,561,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 19,994,000 bushels, two years ago 31,973,000 bushels, three years ago 61,008,000 bushels, and four years ago 60,326,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,706,000 bushels, compared with 5,499,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,909,000 bushels, compared with 23,529,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Nov. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	154,180,000
1898	86,551,000
1897	111,660,000
1896	162,399,000
1895	178,449,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	29,766,960	29,551,370
Milwaukee	4,146,672	4,767,285
Duluth	24,209,020	35,737,539
Chicago	11,752,722	15,845,461

Total 69,875,374 85,901,655

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	9,643,607	8,924,774
St. Louis	6,313,457	9,085,854
Detroit	2,613,052	2,098,131
Kansas City	8,952,190	18,057,189

Total 27,563,306 38,765,939

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Grain and Milling Notes.

A Buffalo syndicate who desire to build a grain elevator at Montreal and place boats on the great lakes are looking for the necessary rights from the Dominion government.

Hedderly & Co. have had an addition put to their elevator at Dauphin, Man., in which they will put choppng machinery. They also intend branching out in the flour and feed business.

After the close of navigation each year it has been found necessary to restrict the number of grades of the grain shipped for export, owing to the difficulty of securing elevator accommodation for a large number of grades at the Atlantic ports. The Winnipeg grain exchange has been called on each year by the railways to name the export grades. This season the grades of 1, 2 and 3 hard wheat and 2 white and 2 mixed oats have been named by the exchange. This, of course, does not prevent any dealer from exporting round lots of any other grades, providing he can arrange for handling the same.

The British war office is calling for tenders for supplies of dried or desiccated vegetables, such as potatoes, onions, cabbage, soup, and also eggs, for the troops in South Africa. A first call for 90,000 pounds has been followed by a second for 180,000 pounds. One large Ontario producer has already put in a bid.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have announced their Christmas excursion rates from Manitoba and western points to the east. Tickets will be good for three months and for all points in the east to Montreal. The rate offered from Winnipeg is \$40 for the round trip, effective from Dec. 4th until the 31st.

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CODVILLE & CO.'S NEW WAREHOUSE.

Among the several new warehouses built and occupied by Winnipeg jobbing concerns this year there are none finer or more admirably adapted to their purpose than the new warehouse of Codville & Company, wholesale grocers. This firm has been known for many years in connection with the grocery trade of this city, first as Thompson, Codville & Co., and latterly, since the death of the senior partner Mr. James Thompson on January 16, 1898, as Codville & Co.

The partnership between Messrs. Thompson and Codville was first formed in Quebec city in 1873. In 1881 a branch of the house was established in Winnipeg, and subsequently the Quebec business was discontinued and all the interests of the firm centered in Winnipeg. The partnership as it now exists is between J. J. Codville and W. Georgeson. The premises heretofore

occupied were on the corner of McDermott ave. and Arthur street. The new warehouse is on Bannatyne avenue east, about half a block from Main street. It is built of brick and stone, four storeys and basement. The dimensions are 50 by 135 feet. In the rear of the building is a shipping platform 20 by 50 feet connecting with the transfer railway track. Below this platform is a room for storing salt and other commodities which need no protection against frost.

The main entrance to the building opens into a roomy and well lighted vestibule, and thence again into the general business office. Connected with this are the private offices of Mr. Georgeson, Mr. Codville and Mr. Gordon. The sample room adjoins the business office, the whole being under handsome metal ceilings and beautifully finished in whitewood. The balance of the ground floor is fitted up as a shipping room.

The basement is a well lighted and roomy apartment and contains the heating furnaces and storerooms for pickles, plugcans, fruits in syrup, sauces, cheese, etc. The second floor is devoted almost exclusively to canned goods and contains also large rooms for packing small articles. The third floor is used partially for exercise and bonded warehouses. Here also is the stock of teas and coffees and a large tea room where the firm's special brand of "Gold Standard" teas are put up. The fourth floor is devoted to light goods such as woodenware, pails, brooms, baskets, matches, etc., and it is also fitted with a complete fruit cleaning apparatus operated by electricity.

All these floors are served by an electric freight elevator of eight tons capacity, controlled by electric bells and protected against accident by automatic doors. The warehouses are lighted throughout by electricity and the offices by gas. The telephone system in use in this building is one of the most complete in the city, each of the offices being connected with all the others and with the general telephone system of the city. Altogether this makes one of the most complete wholesale warehouses in Canada and Codville & Co. are to be congratulated upon having such a well equipped establishment in

the canned product offered in Canada will consequently be scarce.

Further cables from Bordeaux state that market nuts are very high.

The E. B. Eddy Co. have withdrawn their quotations on washboards, which is generally taken to mean an advance.

Valencia raisins are not obtainable in a jobbing way in Montreal, as all offerings on spot have been absorbed.

The foreign market for Sultana raisins is very high.

Beans continue very high east and in the United States. A local dealer received a quotation recently of \$1.62 laid down here for a grade of beans which formerly cost him \$1.05 here. Not hand picked, of course.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—The Broom Manufacturers association met to-day to take steps towards protecting themselves against the increased prices for broom corn. It is said an advance on brooms from \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen will be ordered.

The season's supply of Tarragona almonds arrived at Montreal last week by the steamer Jacona. The high price of these has greatly lessened the volume of importations, and the total for Canadian account on this steamer is placed at 1,000 bags.

American apple trade with England has been unsatisfactory lately owing to the fruit arriving in poor condition, due to the warm weather. To the end of October the combined shipments from the United States and Canada amounted to 500,395 barrels against 440,230 barrels last year.

The bulk of the new Canadian stocks of filler nuts have been lost owing to the stranding of the steamer on which they were being conveyed to Canada. As a result such supplies as are obtained to replace these goods for the holiday will have to come from New York and will cost high.

Large overstocks of Ontario fall apples have been brought to Winnipeg this fall. As these apples were not of keeping quality they have been disposed of at forced sales by auction. A large quantity have been auctioned off in this way during the past few weeks. The best sold at \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel, and poorer lots from that down to 50c per barrel, in single barrel lots.

Local agents for eastern woodenware manufacturers received instructions by wire on Tuesday to withdraw old list, and pending the receipt of new lists, to sell at an advance of 12 per cent all around. New lists will be received about the end of this week, which will likely show an advance of about 12 per cent. On October 11 woodenware was advanced 10 per cent, so that these advances are following each other at short dates.

The strong feeling in the market for canned vegetables is fully maintained, says the Montreal Gazette, and from present indications higher prices are anticipated in the near future. The demand on spot is good, and all lines offering meet with ready buyers. A sale of 500 cases of marrowfat peas was made at 7c per dozen l.o.b., and spot prices are 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c. Tomatoes in half-sized lots have sold at a price equal to 5c here, and jobbers in some cases on spot are asking \$1. A round lot of 2,000 cases corn was placed at \$1 l.o.b. cannery and another lot at \$1.05 spot, but most of the holders are now asking \$1.10. Extra standard pluicapples sold at \$2.25 and pumpkin at 75c.



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which to carry on their business. A cut showing an outside view of the building is shown herewith.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Cheap grades of sardines are fifty cents nearer east.

A round lot of Inlet river sockeye salmon changed hands at Montreal at a price equal to \$1.25 l.o.b. coast.

Eastern advices state that castle soap is 1s 6d per cwt higher at producing centres and likely to go higher.

It is stated that no more California raisins can be obtained from first hands owing to damage to the crops by rains.

Michael Lefebvre & Co., vinegar manufacturers, Montreal, have assigned their liabilities aggregating \$100,000, of which \$40,000 is secured.

White and black ground peppers are 1 to 2c higher in eastern markets owing to damage to crops in Southern India. Still higher prices are looked for by some.

Brought in France was seriously affected the supply of mushrooms and

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Cables report an advance of 4s to 8s in the price of St. J. shells at mounds in the primary markets. Jordan shells have also advanced 5s 6d and Valencia shells 3s 6d on the other side.

A much stronger feeling has developed in the molasses market during the past few days, owing to the very light stock held, and prices have advanced 2c per gallon for choice Barbadoes. There has been considerable enquiry for round lots, and sales have taken place at 39c, but holders now are firm at 40c.—Montreal Gazette.

Already another sharp advance has been made on matches, though it is less than two months since the last advance went into effect. On Sept. 25 there was an advance of 30c per case of sulphur matches. On Tuesday of this week Winnipeg agents received advices by wire to advance prices again. Winnipeg jobbers' prices now are: Telegraph, \$4.15 Telephone, \$4.00; Tiger, \$3.90. This is an advance of 25c per case on Telegraph and 30c on Tiger and Telephone. Eddy patent are now quoted at \$1.75 and Safety at \$2.50.

A California exchange has the following to say of a car of oranges which was shipped to the Macpherson Fruit Company, Winnipeg, from that state and now in stock here: "The first car of California oranges of the season 1899-1900 was shipped from Porterville, Oct. 30, by the Earl Fruit Co. The car comprised Sunflower brand, Washington navels and budded seedlings, and passed Omaha at eight a. m., Nov. 9, en route for Canada. On examination the fruit was found to be good color and fine smooth stock. The above car was sold f. o. b. California."

Brooms were advanced 50c per dozen by manufacturers on Tuesday, this advance going into effect at once in the local market. Whisks were advanced 20c at the same time. Less than a month ago brooms were advanced 25c per dozen. This was on October 25. These two sharp advances within a month, aggregating 75c per dozen, or over 6c per broom, are due to the enormous advances that have taken place in broom corn within a few weeks. Indeed it looks as if the top has not yet been reached, and unless the raw material takes a tumble soon even higher prices may be looked for.

Broom corn has advanced in price over 100 per cent since this year's crop came into the market about six weeks ago, and the prevailing price in Illinois where the bulk of it is grown is now \$125 per ton. The market opened at \$60 per ton and at that price farmers thought they were making good money as the corn can be produced for about \$40 per ton. Speculators have, however, been bidding keenly for the crop and the result is high prices. Very little stock is held from last year so that practically manufacturers are dependent upon this year's crop for their supplies and at present prices of corn will have to materially advance the price of the finished broom. Already United States factories have added from 10 to 20 per cent to old prices.

THE HARDWARE TRADE

METAL PRICES AT MONTREAL.

The Gazette in its review of the metal market for last week says: "With the exception of block tin and ingot copper, the uniform tendency of the iron and metal situation is one of

firmness. The latter is easier at 13 1-2c and the former at 31 to 35c Lead on the other hand has shown remarkable strength lately, and some large consumers have paid \$1.30 to \$1.35 for 100 ton lots, and now jobbers are asking \$1.50 in small lots. This rise in lead has been reflected in an advance in lead pipe, which is 2 1-2 per cent higher than it was, and though makers have not put up the price of shot they have withdrawn old quotations. Pig iron is strong, round lots of Summerlee realizing \$26, and makers have advanced the price of bar iron 10c per 100 lbs, to \$2.50, car lots of course being obtainable at \$2.37 1-2. Galvanized iron is scarce, and jobbers this week are asking 5 to 10c advance for No. 28, at \$4.45 to \$4.70 as to brand, and No. 26, \$4.15 to \$4.50, as to brand. Tin plates have also advanced 10c, case lots of coke being quoted at \$1.50, and charcoal at \$1.80. Canada plates show similar strength, being held at \$2.50 to \$2.60. Terne plate is unchanged at \$8.00, while Swedish iron has advanced 25c to \$3.75. Sheet zinc is 1-4c lower at 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c, and spelter 1-2c to 6 1-2c. There has been a radical advance in coil chain, the rise ranging all the way from 50c to \$1.25, according to size. Makers have also advanced values on all sorts of bolts, the rise being from 2 1-2 to 5 per cent."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Dry white lead advanced 1-2c per pound last week at Montreal.

Linsol oil scored an advance of 2c per gallon at Montreal last week. Further advances are anticipated.

United States firms have been buying pig iron extensively in Great Britain. One Scotch firm sold 10,000 tons for delivery in America.

A large volume of business is being done in refined petroleum at Montreal, and prices for Canadian advanced 1-2c per gallon last week.

Makers of plated tinware have reduced their discount 5 per cent to 40 per cent. The sheet iron and steel ware discount is also down to 45 per cent instead of 50.

An advance is announced in the prices of jute and flax twines at United States factories. The new quotations applying to jute twine in general and to flax in the small size. In the case of jute, the advance is 1-2c, and of flax 1c per pound. The large demand for twine, and in the case of jute, difficulty in getting the raw material is responsible for the advance.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

SPRING SHOE STYLES.

Foot and shoe travellers are now on the road for spring orders, and merchants throughout the country are having a chance to decide to some extent what kinds and styles of footwear their customers shall wear next year. Travellers have probably never gone out for spring business in this country under more favorable circumstances not only as regards the probable demand for their goods, but also as regards the class of goods they have to offer. The shoes of next year will be eminently sellers. No one will hesitate about going in for a new pair of shoes when they see the styles even if they have comparatively new shoes left from this year's wear, as more comfortable and better looking articles of footwear have never been offered to consumers. The needle and razor toes are now de-

clinedly a thing of the past, and the styles are running to broader and more common sense shapes. Now that the tide has turned an era of broader toes may be looked for and 1901 shapes as far as they can be foreseen will be even broader than those of 1900.

Fancy figured cloth tops are also to be largely worn next year, that is in laced boots. These are shown in men's, women's, misses' and children's sizes. Another distinctive feature of next year's shoes, particularly women's, is the increased thickness and weight of the soles. The taste has heretofore favored thin soles which are generally regarded as being hard on the feet. Next year much thicker and consequently more comfortable soles will be in style.

With regard to tan shoes, these may be said to be more popular than ever in men's shapes, but almost out of the market in women's. The popular shades in men's will be light tans and dark chocolates.

White canvas shoes seem to be regaining their old time popularity and are being made for next year's trade in much better qualities than ever before. This will have a tendency to keep the prices up, and thus confine their use to the better class of trade. These make a neat and cool summer shoe, and for that reason should be much worn by ladies and children at least.

As already noticed repeatedly in The Commercial, all kinds of boots and shoes will cost more next year. The round rate of advance is about 15 per cent. Makers are holding very firm views just at present regarding the value of their products, and the retail trade may as well expect to pay the full amount of the advances unless where they can find a jobbing house willing to sacrifice its profits for the sake of keeping down prices—a doubtful way of stimulating business. As showing the way in which prices have been forced up by advances in raw material the case may be noted of sole leather, which has lately advanced about 1 1-2c per pound. This means an advance on each pair of finished shoes of about 4c.

While on this subject of shoes, a word may be said regarding winter goods. Stocks of these of all kinds are low in Winnipeg. Both leather, rubber and felt goods have met with an almost unprecedented demand to supply, which neither jobbers nor makers have been quite prepared, and the consequence is a shortage of stocks. The requirements of this country have unfortunately been somewhat underrated, and the consequence is that some lines are already exhausted and that with the sorting demand scarcely commenced.

SHOE AND LEATHER TRADE NOTES

The tanners section of the Toronto board of trade met last week and decided to advance leather prices to correspond with the advance of 25 per cent in raw material. This does not mean a full 25 per cent advance in leather, as plant and labor have not appreciated in value to the same extent as hides, but only enough to cover the 25 per cent advance on the latter.

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

CARE OF BINDERS.

Volumes have been written regarding the care of farm implements, with apparently no effect. The farmer's neglect is often the dealer's gain, yet the successful members of the trade are the first to offer suggestions as to the better care that should be given the machines they sell. The following as to the care of harvesting machinery is from a Minnesota implement dealer, who has handled farm machinery for many years. He says that "complaints come to him each season that binders give out for no apparent reason, and the machines which start-
ce out and worked well for a while soon give way. Everything goes wrong and the machine refuses to work. The farmer in such a fix starts to town and takes out the agent, who looks the machine over and says he can find nothing wrong, but that it is all worn out. Then the farmer buys a new machine, when he might have used his old one for several years. Every farmer should take his binder apart in the fall and inspect every wearing part and clean the boxes. When a box is worn out it should be replaced by a new one. Every piece of machinery upon which there is any wear should be given attention, and the whole should then be placed away out of the weather and kept bright and clean. A couple of weeks before harvest begins the machine should be set up and squared, using the rod that runs over the bull wheel between the elevator boards as a gauge. Every bolt and rod should be tested and tightened. No matter how old the machine may be, if it is squared and the worn parts replaced, it can be made to give several years' service after it would otherwise have been thrown aside and a new binder purchased."

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

The partnership existing between Charles Thomson and Hector Milne of Oak River, Man., under the firm name of Thomson & Milne, implement dealers has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Thomson & Rowatt.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

INTERESTING LEGAL DECISION.

At the Winnipeg court house this week. Justice Bath delivered judgment in the case of Brainerd Lumber Co. vs. Christie. The plaintiff, the Brainerd Lumber company, of Minneapolis, sued J. A. Christie and the Assiniboine Lumber Co., of Brandon, to recover \$10,000, the amount of a promissory note made by defendants, and interest. The defendants deny any indebtedness, and assert that after the note had been indorsed it was materially altered by the addition of the words "jointly and severally," and by adding the name of J. A. Christie, by reason of which alteration the defendants were discharged from payment. His lordship entered judgment for the plaintiffs for \$10,250, the amount of the note and interest. He found that the words "jointly and severally" were written in the note a day or two before it was signed by Christie and as the interlineation was made by the secretary of defendant company, both the company and Christie must be taken to have authorized and assented to the interlineation. As regarded the defendants the inter-

lineation could not be considered to be an alteration of the note.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa, one of the most widely known retail lumber dealers in the west, has sold out his lumber business at that place to J. F. Doyé. It is reported that Mr. Cuddy has purchased an interest in a lumber mill at the coast and will reside there in future.

A telegraphic report from Rossland on Monday last announced the consolidation of all the lumber mills and timber limits in the Boundary district of the Kootenay through the efforts of G. O. Buchanan. Subsequent reports state that not all the mills or limits are in the combine and that it will meet with active competition from three prominent concerns - one of which is located at Nelson and two at Columbia.

The Prince Albert Advocate says: "It is learned on good authority, that the Moore & Macdowall saw mill will recommence operations this coming season. Three or four representatives of a Michigan firm arrived in town recently, and are now looking over the timber limits of this property, and if these are found suitable, it is said the firm will get out a small cut of logs this winter to commence with." This is one of the largest saw mills in the Territories, in connection with which there are valuable spruce forests.

C. P. R. Growth.

Manager Whyte and Land Commissioner Hamilton, of the C. P. R., returned recently from the west. They left President Shaughnessy's party at Moose Jaw, the president having decided to return to Montreal via the Soo line. At Moose Jaw General Superintendent Osborne joined the president and will go part of the way with him.

Speaking of the journey through the west, Manager Whyte remarked to a reporter of the Free Press that President Shaughnessy's first trip in his capacity as president would be remembered for the welcome he was accorded everywhere he went, complimentary banquets being tendered him at several places and at all places his reception was warm and genuine. The general tone of prosperity extended right to the coast. Speaking of the extension work on the Columbian and Western railway, over which the party went as far as the present terminus, Mr. Whyte said that the work would be pushed ahead as long as the weather permitted. The work on the high elevations is now being carried out to completion as the snowfalls at these points come sooner than in the lower country. The road bed all through the west is now in excellent condition, says Mr. Whyte, gravel ballast being put down gradually throughout the system, so that by this and the heavy rains now taking the place of the lighter ones the fast transcontinental service which was running this summer can be continued next year with even a shorter time. Mr. Whyte stated that the time would probably be the shortest yet run on the system.

Asked as to the intentions of the company regarding the new hotel, Mr. Whyte stated that there were still matters to be decided on. The question of stone was now under consideration. He himself was in favor of red sand stone and red Lac du Bonnet brick, but the architect favored white stone and white brick.

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The Carman Telephone Exchange company has been incorporated.

Dr. Muirvey is opening a stock of drugs and stationery at Minto.

H. T. Goodland is opening a general store at Goodlands.

J. McBeth, of Tottenham, Ont., has opened a tailor shop at West Selkirk.

W. M. Clements, confectionery, Selkirk, Man., is succeeded by A. D. Ferguson.

The Selkirk flour mill has been leased by F. W. R. Coleclough and E. Comber.

Henry Earwaker has bought out the harness business of Wm. Wallace, at Arden.

W. R. Lee, formerly of Yorkton, is opening in the dry goods business in Winnipeg.

Burglars have robbed a Carberry merchant of several fur coats and other garments.

The Canadian Lithographing Co., of Winnipeg, has disposed of its plant and business to the Stovel Co.

Misses Anderson and Martin have bought out the millinery business of Miss Dowling at Virden.

Johns & Hogan, confectionery and restaurant, Carberry, Man., sold out their restaurant business.

Stevenson & Clare, dry goods and clothing merchants, Neepawa, advertise dissolution of partnership.

The Great Northwest Central railway extension to Parkisimo is expected to be open and trains running in a few days.

The Carberry News has issued a special number of twelve pages giving interesting information about Carberry and the surrounding district.

The flour mill at Sidney, Man., is nearing completion. Over one hundred thousand bushels have been marketed at Sydney to date this season.

The laying of the steel on the twenty mile extension of the Northern Pacific railway west of Portage la Prairie is expected to be completed in a few days.

There is a good demand for the native western Souris coal, and owing to scarcity of cars, and also to scarcity of labor, it has been difficult to fill orders promptly.

Goodlands is the name of a new town on the C. P. R. Waskada extension where settlement has been commenced by the establishment of a general store by H. T. Goodland.

A blaze occurred in W. H. McLean's grocery store, Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening, which resulted in considerable damage in the rear part of the store. Loss estimated at \$2,000. Insured.

The Meccredy Manufacturing Syndicate, shipped three tons of ovo last Saturday for the British troops in South Africa. This is a pure and wholesome preparation, being the product of pure fresh eggs in an evaporated and condensed form. It should form a most nutritious and healthful diet for miners, campers and others. It is convenient to handle and will keep for an indefinite length of time in any climate. Even for ordinary culinary purposes it is a valuable product, supplying the place of fresh eggs at seasons when the latter are scarce and dear. The preparation, for either food or cooking purposes, is equal to fresh eggs, and is

certainly better than held or stale eggs in their natural form.

The rails on the Manitoba South-eastern railway (Canadian Northern system) are now laid a distance of ninety miles from Winnipeg and construction work is being rapidly carried on. On the western section 800 men are at work.

The latest addition to the jobbing houses of Winnipeg is the Jobin, Marlin Co., Ltd., which is opening in the wholesale grocery trade on Market street east. The new house is receiving stock this week, and expect to be in full swing by the first of next month.

Four miles of rail have been laid on the newly opened Waskada branch of the Canadian Pacific railway. On the Reston extension the work is also progressing. Rails have been laid for about three miles, and a bridge is now being constructed. On the McGregor extension twenty miles of grade is now ready for the rails.

Alberta.

E. Mullett has opened a drug store at Edmonton.

Wm. Mcbounell will open an implement and lumber department in connection with his mercantile business at Wetaskiwin.

Building operations are still in full swing at Calgary. Eighty houses is an estimate of the erections of this year. Two large three storey store blocks are the additions to Stephen avenue; one the Great West saddlery store, erected by Senator Longhead, the other a store, not yet completed, built by W. R. Hull.

Assiniboia.

S. B. Sanders will open a flour and feed store at Moose Jaw.

McKenzie Bros. have bought out the butchering business of John H. Smith at Moose Jaw.

The butcher business of J. F. Hastie, Maple Creek, has been purchased by King & Co., late of London, Ont.

Clark and Crawford have bought the ranche of Chas. Payton at Medicine Hat, including four or five hundred head of cattle and forty or fifty horses.

A felt manufactory has been established at Regina by Boez & Co. The machinery has already been put in and work begun. Not only will felt be manufactured, but felt articles, boots, blankets, etc., will be produced.

A serious robbery is reported from Fleming, Assa. Burglars entered the store of Dimmick Brothers, several nights ago, and ransacking the cash drawer secured the sum of \$560 in cash. The firm represents the Lake of the Woods Milling Company at that point, which accounts for the large amount of cash on hand the night of the robbery. No trace of the burglars has been discovered, but the mounted police have the matter in hand.

Northwest Ontario.

Arrow River & Tributaries Slide & Boom Co., Ltd., Port Arthur, has been incorporated.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Robt. Linton, a leading wholesale dry goods merchant, of Montreal, is dead.

The companies owning the Granite and St. Hyacinthe woolen mills at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, have amalgamated.

Railway Time Card Changes.

Certain changes in the Canadian Pacific railway time bill to take effect to-morrow (Sunday) have been officially announced. No. 1, or the Pacific express, will arrive from the east at 10.15 a. m., leaving for the west at 4.30 p. m.; No. 2, or the Atlantic express, arrives at 2.20 p. m., leaving for the east at 4 p. m. The Brandon local will leave in the morning at 8 o'clock, arriving in Brandon at 12.50. Returning will leave Brandon at 17.30 and reach Winnipeg at 22.15. The Souris and Pembina branch lines trains will leave the city somewhat earlier than at present.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 1,798,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 11. Receipts for the week were \$45,000 bushels, and shipments were 840,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,250,000 bushels, compared with about 3,500,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ended Nov. 11 there were 1,488 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 1,049; 2 hard, 171; 1 northern, 55; 2 northern, 5; 3 hard, 48, 1 frosted, 13; 2 frosted, 2; 1 rejected, 47; 2 rejected, 16; no grade, 19; 3 frosted, 5 cars.

Oats—1 white, 6; 2 white, 3; 2 mixed, 4 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 2; feed, 1 car.

Flax seed—No. 1, 2; No. 2, 3; rejected, 5, no grade, 1 car.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 70 to 70 1-8c above Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots feed oats on track, Winnipeg, 25 to 26c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 27 to 30c per bushel for feed grades.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 15 to 16c; fresh creamery, 20c at factories.

Cheese—8 3-4 to 9c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 19 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba fresh eggs.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c.

Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleeco.

Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$8 to \$9 per ton on cars.

Loose hay worth \$7 to \$9 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 11c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; ducks and geese, 9c per lb.

Game—Fall ducks, 20c per pair; geese, 40 to 50c each; rabbits, 10 to 12 1-2c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 5 1-4c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-4c for dressed; veal, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3c off cars for exporters, 2 to 3c for butchers' stock, and 2c for stockers; hogs, off cars 5c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars.

The Manitoba legislature has been dissolved. The election has been fixed for December 7th. Nominations will be held Thursday, Nov. 30th, and polling a week later. A proclamation has been issued summoning the new legislature to meet on Dec. 21.

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WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending Nov. 16, 1899	\$3,283,530
Corresponding week, 1898	2,538,601
Corresponding week, 1897	3,364,495

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,617,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar. ...	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,161,902	4,032,000
May ...	8,083,304	5,014,788	4,240,201
June ...	7,399,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,885	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,680,706
Oct. ...	9,347,092	13,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,553,069	12,550,701	8,896,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,780,935

Year ... 90,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,935

	1899.
Jan. ...	\$7,083,052
Feb. ...	6,209,471
March ...	6,756,994
April ...	6,910,431
May ...	7,472,855
June ...	8,211,716
July ...	8,169,595
August ...	7,995,291
September ...	8,231,169
October ...	12,659,000

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing rate of discount at the banks is 7 per cent with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans mostly range from 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property with special large loans on more valuable properties ranging 1 to 1-1/2 per cent less. Farm loans range at 7 to 8 per cent.

MONEY FIRM.

General firmness is the leading feature of the money markets everywhere. Funds are so well taken up, owing to great business activity, that a condition approaching stringency in the money market prevails. There has been very marked speculative activity going on for some time. Montreal banks increased the rate on call loans on Monday to 6 per cent. The tendency to advance interest rates may have a wholesome effect in curtailing the strong speculative spirit of the times, which is not without possibility of developing dangerous results.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

It said a branch of the Imperial bank will be opened at Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

The debentures for a new water-works system at Calgary have been signed and a contract will be let at once.

C. N. Ducharme has accepted the office of president of Le Banque Jacques Cartier, offered him by the directors in succession to Hon. Senator Des-Jardines, retired.

The directors of the Building and Loan association and the Union Loan and Savings company of Toronto, have ratified an agreement under which the two companies are merged into the Toronto Mortgage company. The new company will have a capitalization of \$1,445,860.

Seventeen thousand dollars city of Winnipeg debentures bearing interest

at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent for fifteen years for the purpose of providing a crematory for the destruction of garbage, etc., will be offered for sale shortly if the ratepayers approve of the scheme which they will be asked to do on Dec. 12.

Andrew Rutherford, for many years manager of the Canada Landed and National Investment company, Toronto, from which office he retired a couple of months ago, shot and killed himself on Nov. 13. He went to Scotland a few weeks ago to accomplish the amalgamation of several trust companies, but failed, and his present action is attributed to despondency.

A report from New York dated November 10, s.a.d.: Silver bullion ran up 1-2c per ounce further on to-day's local market, making a total advance of 13-16c in three days. To-day's b.d price for commercial bars was 59 1/2c; Tuesdays was 58 1/4c. To-day's advance and that of yesterday began in London, where bullion was quoted early at 27 5/16d per ounce, against 27 1/2d yesterday and 26 3/4d Monday.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—The half yearly statement of the Bank of Montreal for the six months ending Oct. 31, is as follows: Balance of profit and loss April 30, \$1,102,792; profits for the half year ending Oct. 31, after deducting charges of management and making provision for doubtful debts, \$638,161; total, \$1,760,953; deducting 5 per cent. dividend amounting to \$600,000, leaves a balance of \$1,160,953. For the same period last year the balance was \$981,328.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

HIGHER LIFE RATES.

After January 1 next there will be a general advance in life insurance rates of Canadian companies. It is not possible to say what the exact advance is to be, without going into very elaborate tables, as the rates of each company vary more or less throughout the different plans and ages. The new rate at the age of 21 years, ordinary life, with profits, is placed at \$19.40, compared with the old rate of \$17.65 of the Canada Life. The new 20 year endowment rate is \$48.10, compared with the present Canada Life rate of \$43.90.

This advance in rates is an outcome of recent h.c. insurance legislation at Ottawa. According to the new insurance act, the companies are required to calculate their premiums upon policies issued after January 1 next, on the basis of the Institute of Actuaries Hm table and 3 1/2 per cent interest. This is a reduction of the interest as calculated by Canadian companies.

At a meeting of representatives of Canadian life insurance companies held at Toronto recently, a committee brought in a report giving the proposed new table of rates, which was adopted by those present. While all the Canadian companies have not signified their intention of adopting the new rates, it is said that fourteen companies have agreed to do so, and nearly all are expected to adopt the table, which is submitted as a minimum below which it is not desirable that any company should go. One point which should not be overlooked in connection with the advance is, that companies adopting the higher rates should be enabled to pay larger profits than they otherwise could do. The premiums presented by the committee, as mentioned above, were ar-

rived at by loading the net premium on the basis of Institute of Actuaries Hm. table and 3 1/2 per cent, with an addition of 20 per cent and a constant of \$3 per \$1,000, to cover expenses and contingencies.

INSURANCE NOTES.

A. Stevens Browne, superintendent of the Canada branch of the London & Lancashire Life Assurance Company, was in Winnipeg this week in the interest of his company.

The vice-president of The Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York is coming to Winnipeg to arrange for a successor to the late Thos. A. Bell as general agent of the company. In the meantime the office at Winnipeg is in charge of Cashier Graham.

Thos. A. Bell, general agent in Western Canada for the Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York and formerly manager of the Daily Telegraph, died at Winnipeg on Saturday evening last. Mr. Bell was well-known and highly respected in the business community of Winnipeg.

The fire losses for October, United States and Canada, totalled the enormous sum of \$12,046,250. This represents no large fires, but an alarming number of comparatively small losses in all parts of the two countries. September's losses were even larger and the two abnormally large months' losses following each other have cast a gloom over the fire insurance world. So far 1899 has beaten by about \$17,000,000 last year's exceedingly large fire loss, showing that the generally accepted theory that large fire losses go with hard times does not always hold good.

The Imperial government has placed an order for 1,800 tons of hay in Canada for shipment to South Africa. The average price delivered at the steamer for this hay will be \$12 to \$12.50 per ton.



TENDERS

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed, "Tenders for Dominion Buildings, New Westminster, B. C." will be received at this office until Tuesday, 12th December, 1899, for the construction of two buildings—a post office and an examining warehouse, at New Westminster, B. C.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department, and at the office of J. R. Roy, Esq., resident engineer, New Westminster, B. C.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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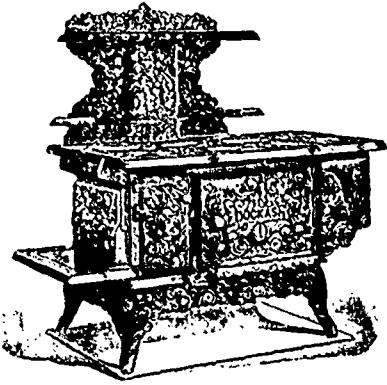
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TERNE PLATES—1 O, 20x28, \$10.50.
IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.00; band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.20 base; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 base; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00; base; tire steel, \$3.75 base, cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb., 12 to 13c.
STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.50; 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.25.
BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 14c per foot; 1-2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.
SHEET IRON—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.
CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blain, \$3.35.
GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on American prices.
IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$4.25; 3-8, \$4.25; 1-2 \$5.25; 3-4, \$5.75; 1 inch, \$8.25; 1-1-4 \$11; 1-1-2, \$13.50; 2, \$18; larger, 45 per cent.
GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$3.80; 3-8 inch, \$3.80; 1-2 inch, \$9.35; 3-4 inch \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.50; 1-1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45.
STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.
CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; Jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; Jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.
COPPER—Tinned copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c; boiler and T K patts, plain tinned, per lb. 29c; spun 33c.
LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$9 per 100 lbs; broken lots, \$9.50.
SOLDER—Half and half, per lb., 22c.
SHOT—Soft, 5 1-2c per lb.; chilled, 6c; buckshot, 6 1-2c.
AMMUNITION—Cartridges, rim fire, American discount 40 per cent; Dominion 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire, pistol, American discount 10 per cent; Dominion discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, American, not list, Dominion 15 per cent.
LOADED SHELLS—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50, chilled \$1.05; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2; chilled, \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.40, chilled, \$2.55.
WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge grey

cloth wads, in boxes of 260 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.
ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.
AUGER BITS—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 40 per cent, post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.
AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$8; to \$12; double bit, per doz. \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.
BELTING—Extra, 40 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 55 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.
BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent discount; tire, discount 55 per cent; sleigh shoe 65 per cent dis.; stove, dis. 55 per cent; machine, discount 45 per cent; coach screws, dis. 57 1-2 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.
VICES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.
BUTTS—Loose pins, cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; bronzed, dis. 33 1-3 per cent; gen. bronze, per pair, 45 per cent.
HINGES—Light T and strap, 60 per cent; heavy, per 100 pounds, \$5.75 to \$6.75; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb. 4c.
HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent off 1900 list.
ROPE—Sisal, lb. 11 1-2c base; manila, lb. 14c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 10 1-2c.
BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.
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HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.70; 2 and larger, \$4.45. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.00; 2 and larger, \$4.75.
NAILS—Wire—4 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 8 in. \$3.90; 8 1-2 in. \$3.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$4.45; 1 in. \$4.80.
NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.15; 20d, \$3.20; 10d, \$3.25; 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55; 3d \$3.80; 2d, \$4.15.
SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Birch, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.
SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.
WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.
FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.
STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.
RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, sec-

tion, wagon box rivets, etc., 37 1-2 per cent; M. rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.
GLUE—Sheets, 16c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
AXLE GREASE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case, dark \$2; Africa, \$3.35.
COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel.
CEMENT—Portland cement, barrel, \$4.50.
PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale.

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WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.00 per 100 lbs.; No. 1 \$6.75.
PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality.
DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c; less quantities, 4c lb.
VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.
ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.
GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.
WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.50; 51 to 60, \$8.00; 61 to 70, \$6.50 per 100 feet boxes.
LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 73c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal; clear, machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; a s to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.
REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver Star, 18 3-4c; Oleopheno 21 3-4c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 26c for Ecene and 29c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1899.

The business situation has undergone no change of importance since our last review. The mild weather has continued throughout the week accompanied by occasional rains, particularly on Thursday and Friday. Outside work has been pretty well finished up in all lines and customary preparations for winter are made. The city announces that most of the public works which have been under way are now completed and the employees are doing repair work in the interim until the snow comes. Contractors have all buildings under way closed in. In the country farmers have been busy plowing. Mercantile houses report business slower than it would be with ordinary November weather, but there is nevertheless a good volume of trade moving. Shortage of railway cars has interfered with the free movement of goods to some extent. Import shipments are particularly slow. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week ending Thursday were nearly three-quarters of a million in excess of the clearings of the same week last year, but slightly smaller than two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1899.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

CURED MEATS.

There is not very much doing in the cured meat line at present as stocks in the city are still low. Packing houses are making active preparations for the winter pack and are only delayed now by the scarcity of hogs. Hams are selling at from 12 to 13c per pound in the city to-day. In sympathy with cured meats lard has been very firm lately and prices are quoted higher by some houses. For quotations see page 341.

DRUGS.

Local houses are experiencing a very satisfactory run of business in most lines. Prices here are unchanged, but we note an increasing firmness in the market for cocaine, cuttlefish, quicksilver, saffron and belladonna. The latter line has advanced one cent per pound at Montreal. The continued mild weather has curtailed the demand for all kinds of cough medicines to a considerable extent. There has been practically none of the customary November demand for these as yet. Cod liver oil is also slow sale. Quotations for this article in producing markets have advanced sharply and are likely to go still higher. To date the increase amounts to about 25 per cent.

DRY GOODS.

The weather has not been sufficiently cool yet to make a demand for seasonable goods such as winter underwear, blankets, winter hosiery, etc., and retail merchants are complaining a little of the lack of trade. There is a healthy feeling in the market generally, however, and a feeling that

the demand for winter goods cannot be much longer delayed. Travellers are out with spring samples and report an active demand, but jobbing houses are more anxious for sorting trade than for spring business as they want to clean out stocks of fall goods as closely as possible. The upward march of prices continues. Manufacturers in all lines are constantly reporting changes in an upward direction. Subsidiary lines, such as millinery, dressmaking, tailoring, etc., have all had a good fall trade and are still working to fullest capacity. Next week's issue of The Commercial will contain an interview with a prominent old country buyer on the dry goods situation at producing centres.

FISH AND GAME.

The market is steady and in the main unchanged. Whitefish are firmer at 6 to 6.2c per pound. Haddies are 1c lower at 5c. Wild ducks are about out of the market. A few rabbits have come in this week. These are worth about 5c per pound.

FUEL.

Increasing firmness of both wood and coal is the chief characteristic of the fuel market. With regard to Pennsylvania anthracite coal our mail advises this week from the head of the lakes state that receipts by water are still inadequate and although supplemented to some extent by rail shipments stocks are low. When the probable winter demand is considered there is good reason to wonder how the demand is to be met. Car shortage is, of course, still a serious factor. Some sizes of this coal are scarcer than others and as high as \$10.25 is being asked by at least one Winnipeg dealer for nut size. Egg and stove sizes are unchanged. Nut coal went up 25c at Duluth on the 3rd inst. United States soft coals are increasingly scarce and firm. With regard to the reported probability of a shut down at the Souris mines in Southeastern Assinibola it may be said that this entirely hinges upon the ability of the railway company to supply cars. At times not more than one-quarter as many cars can be had as are required for this business and the mines people claim that they cannot afford to keep running for such limited shipments. The car supply has been better lately. Good dry wood is very scarce in the city and stocks are practically in the hands of a small circle of dealers. Until sleighing starts there can be very little replenishment. Prices are firm and about 25c per cord higher in a retail way. We quote carloads on track as follows: Tamarac per cord, \$4.75; green cut tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.75; jackpine per cord, \$4 to \$4.15; birch, \$4.75 to \$5; United States oak, \$5; Manitoba oak, \$4.75; United States maple, \$5.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.15; spruce, \$3.25 to \$3.50; slats, \$2.87 per cord.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is some indication that Winnipeg is being made a dumping market for surplus stocks of apples. Auction sales have been held this week at which inferior stock of both fall and winter varieties have been offered for sale and prices for these obtained which show a loss if the first cost of the fruit is correctly stated. Some Winnipeg houses have offered apples in this way also, and have realized fair prices. It is certainly better for these houses to sell the fruit in this way than to carry it until it becomes a total loss, and to be meanwhile a menace to the mar-

ket. Some exceptionally early lots of California oranges are in this week. Prices for leading lines are as follows: California naval oranges, \$5 to \$5.50; do., seedlings, \$4.25 to \$4.75; Mexican oranges, \$5.00; lemons, new Californias, per box, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$2.25; apples, winter, \$3.50 per barrel; fall apples, \$2.75 to \$3.25, snow apples, fancy, \$4.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes, in kegs, per keg, \$7.50; cranberries per barrel, \$7.25; coconuts, per dozen, 50c; Grenobles walnuts, 14c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; pecan nuts, green, 9 to 10c; roast, 1, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; chestnuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 10c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.60 to \$1.75; Smyrnas, \$1.50; dates, 7c per lb.; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5; honey, in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.

GROCERIES.

The market for canned goods is practically unchanged. Green Rio coffee has advanced still further, and the net amount of increase to date is 1c per pound. Beans are up a little more, and we quote now \$1.80 to \$1.90 as against \$1.70 to 1.75 last week. Cured fish are scarce and herrings in half barrels up 10 to 15c. These are likely to go still higher. Evaporated apples are very firm and 1-2c higher. Matches have advanced 25 and 30c per case, the former amount on Telegraph and the latter on Telephone and Tiger brands. New nuts are in and show no change in price from the old list. Sugar remains unchanged here but has been the subject of several fluctuations at Montreal. First a decline of 5c and again an advance. India and Ceylon teas show great firmness, especially the low grades. Enormous destruction has been wrought in the plantations by earthquakes in India, and this has had an effect upon the market. Leaf tobacco has advanced 2 to 3c per pound beyond old figures, and is now listed at 12 1-2 to 15 1-2c per pound. Wood-ware has again advanced, this time 12 per cent, making a total advance within a month of nearly 25 per cent. Some lines of wood-ware are very scarce, notably syrup pails. Brooms have also been sharply advanced this week, 50c per dozen having been added to the old price and 20c to the price of whisks. General trade conditions are satisfactory to local houses but they find great difficulty in getting delivery of goods owing to the busy state of the railways.

HARDWARE.

There have been very few changes locally. Shot is 1-4c per pound higher and sisal and manila rope 2c lower. Tin and Japan ware are 10 per cent higher. The market for hardware is still very firm. There appears to be little or no prospect of weakening in any direction for several months at least. The railways appear to be hard pushed to get shipments forward. Spring goods are now on the way in large quantities.

LEATHER.

As predicted in late numbers of The Commercial, leather prices have again advanced here. Harness oak is now worth 2c more per pound than last week at 45c, other kinds of harness leather have advanced 1c per pound. Listowell, Lincang and Acton sole leather has advanced 1c per pound

each. It should be noted in connection with the above advances that dealers do not guarantee any of these prices and reserve the right to advance them without notice. The leather situation is very strong at producing points. Boardmore & Co.'s half or tap soles are 15 per cent higher. No. 5 being now quoted at \$3.50 per dozen pairs, No. 6 at \$3.75 and No. 7 at \$2.80. Current quotations for felt are: Brandon, 75c per pound; Hamburg boot felt, \$1 per pound; and Dolph's felt, \$1.05 per pound.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Difficulty in securing delivery of goods is retarding business to some extent. There have been no changes in prices here, but on the close of navigation higher prices on glass and white lead, and possibly other lines are sure to go into effect. Next week we hope to present a review of the prospects for winter and spring prices.

SCRAP.

We quote: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable, \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; red brass, 8 to \$1.2c per pound; light brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; lead pipe or lead, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or ten lead, 2 1/2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There has during the past week been somewhat more of a feeling that the price of wheat is dragging around the bottom. Whether this sentiment prove correct or not, the tone of the market is certainly a little more confident at the end of the week, than it was in the forepart, and while much in the general situation as regards supplies, reserve stocks and growing crops, is calculated to give the bears courage in their operations, the bulls are not altogether without some evidences to encourage their hopes. Supplies for Europe keep large, being helped very much by the heavy weekly shipments still going forward from Argentina; last week 1,744,000 bushels, this week, 1,004,000 bushels, against nothing at same date a year ago. The exports from North America are also large, last week 1,050,542 bushels, this week 1,510,000 bushels. Other sources of supply also continue to ship freely, so that for last week the world's shipments from exporting countries to importing countries were 6,611,000 bushels, compared with 5,679,000 bushels, the week previous, and 7,147,000 bushels a year ago. The American visible supply increased 1,561,000 bushels, and now stands at 32,582,000 bushels against 15,104,000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply increased 6,928,000 bushels, and is now 85,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. The stock of wheat in the Argentine ports, available for export, amounts to 5,152,000 bushels against only 228,000 bushels last year. The growing crops are all well reported of, except that of India. The Argentine has recently been favored with good rains just when required, and the prospect for another large crop in that country is all but assured, as cutting will begin there in a few weeks. The Australian crops are drawing on towards maturity are doing well up to last advices. The recently sown crops in

Europe and America are progressing favorably. The foregoing is all against the idea of higher prices. On the bull's side one may tell of the great falling off in the primary receipts in the States as compared with last year. On several days lately the receipts have been little more than half what they were on corresponding days a year ago, and owing to the short crop of winter wheat, this difference may increase, until supplies in the States do not readily furnish the quantity required for home use and for export. Should this occur, and speculative buying be excited thereby, prices would probably easily advance, temporarily at least, even in the face of good supplies going to Europe from other countries. There are also the risks to the growing crops to be taken into account, and the probability that India will have very little to export next year, owing to the present poor outlook for crops in that country. At the present time, however, taken on the whole, there is an array of facts in the way of supplies, reserve stocks and prospect for crops, which preponderates against any advance in the near future, and which may even militate in favor of lower values, unless the bull sentiment that still obtains, is strong enough to go into practice and keep them up.

The local market has been quiet. Holders generally have been firm, and not much disposed to force sales, although once or twice when the market got very weak there was anxiety on the part of some to unload. At the close of the week there seems more willingness on the part of holders to sell at current prices. The close of lake navigation is not far off, and holders will not desire to have much left over to hold all winter, or carried east on higher all rail freight. The price of 1 hard in store, Fort William spot, or November delivery, has ranged between 66 3/4 and 67 1/2c. A good deal of wheat has changed hands around 67c and 67 1/2c. At the close of yesterday's business, most buyers would not bid over 67c to 67 1/2c, but some sales were made at 67 1/2c for 1 hard port, Fort William and Duluth. There had been some sales of 1 hard for December delivery at 67 1/2c and 67 1/2c. No. 2 hard and one northern are worth 2 1/2c to 2c less than 1 hard. No. 3 hard 6c less than 1 hard. No. 1 frosted 56c; 2 frosted 50c, all in store, Fort William.

FLOUR—The market is steady and demand good. Prices are: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Superior, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; ANNA, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medina, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.30 per sack of 48 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLET—Ogilvie bran is worth \$1.50 per ton, and shorts \$1.50 net; Lake of the Woods bran, sacked, \$12, and shorts, sacked, \$14 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Quoted now as follows: oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

OATS—Deliveries continue light owing to poor trade. We quote: milling oats worth 26 to 27c per bushel in carlots at Winnipeg, feed grades 25 to 26c per bushel, and street oats 25 to 26c per bushel. At country points 23 to 24c per bushel is being bid for carlots.

BARLEY—Deliveries light. Milling grades are worth 32c per bushel on track. Feed grades 25 to 26c per bushel.

CORN—Worth 41 to 42c per bushel on track. In good demand.

WHEAT—53 to 57c per bushel is being paid for farmers' loads at country points according to freight rate and quality.

FLAXSEED—It is generally believed that about all the flaxseed has been marketed. Buyers are now quoting \$1.20 per bushel at country points to farmers.

HAY—The demand for hay is improving. Offerings this week have been of better quality. We quote: Carlots, baled, on track \$5.50 to \$6.00 per ton, loose hay on the street, \$4 to \$5 per ton.

OATMEAL—Per sack of 80 pounds, \$1.75 net.

CREAMERY BUTTER—Creameries all closed. Dealers are offering 22c for fresh made, 21c to 21 1/2c for held stock per pound, at the factories.

DAIRY BUTTER—Quantities of held goods and second grades continue to offer, but these are not much sought for. Finest dairy is worth 20c and choice fresh is worth 17 to 18c per lb. at country points. Round lots are worth 15c to 16c, second grades 11 to 12c per lb.

CHEESE—Dealers are paying 12c per pound at factories. Eastern cheese would cost slightly more than this to lay down here.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—The situation is practically unchanged. Bad roads are making deliveries light. We quote: 1 stalks, farmers' loads 40c per bush. carlots 25c at country points; carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; beets, 30c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c per lb.; pumpkins, 1 1/4c per lb.; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 3 1/4 to 1c per lb.; celery, 50c per dozen bunches; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary 1 1/2c for Hubbard; marrow, 90 to 75c per dozen; green house lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 25c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Market irregular and very firm. In some instances our quotations for inspected hides have been exceeded. We quote prices as follows: No. 1 7 1/2c; No. 2, 6 1/2c; No. 3, 5 1/2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bull, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8c to 8 1/2c; steakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; hams 25c to 30c each; horse skins, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed; Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—The market is firmer and such lots as are still offering are being bought by dealers at 37c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS—All kinds of meats are easier and the market is well supplied. Ontario hogs continue to arrive for packers use. We quote: Beef, 5 to 6 1/2c per lb.; mutton, 8 to 9c per lb.; lamb, 9 to 10c; veal, 5 1/2 to 6c, hogs, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c per lb.

POULTRY—Rounds lots of poultry are coming in to some extent, but the movement is yet very light. Colder weather will stimulate trade. We quote: Turkeys, 11 to 12 1/2c per pound; ducks, geese and chickens, 10c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime tallow is worth 3 1/2c. Prices range from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export movement is about over. We quote: Good to choice steers, 1-1c easier at 3c to 1-2c per pound off cars; common cattle, 2 1-2 to 3c; stockers, yearlings, \$15 to \$20.

SHEEP—We quote 4c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Buyers are quoting 5c per pound for choice weights, and 4 3-4 for seconds.

HORSES—There is a good demand for horses for the bush and for city and town uses. Good heavy animals weighing not less than 1,400 pounds are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. Lighter horses for delivery or road purposes are worth from \$110 to \$140 each. Roadsters are particularly scarce.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

A. P. Ribbet & Co., of Victoria, report ocean tonnage very scarce on the Pacific coast.

A dispatch from Montreal of November 13 says: "The general Freight Agents' association, composed of representatives of the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and other roads operating in Canada, commenced their annual meeting here to-day to consider a freight schedule for the coming winter. It is understood that there will be a general advance in freight and it is not improbable that rates may go up 10 per cent. The railway companies give as a reason for the proposed action that the cost of almost everything that they have to purchase has increased rapidly during the past year and they must therefore make a corresponding increase in rates. At the same time the prosperous condition of business in general is doubt makes the railroad managers more confident of the capability of traffic to stand higher rates."

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Price in barrels: First patents \$5.40 to \$3.70; second patents, \$3.20 to \$3.45.

Mixed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$13.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 22 3-4c.
Barley—25 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 29 3-4c for No. 3.
Flax seed—\$1.23 per bushel.

Eggs—17 1-2 to 18c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery 23 to 25 1-2 for choice to extras; seconds, 21 to 23c; dairy, 21 to 23c for choice to fancy; seconds, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—10 to 13c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7c; fowl, 4 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, 5 1-2 to 8c; ducks, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2; geese, 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—25 to 28c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 93-1c for No. 1; 83-1c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs.; 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c, sheepskins, 30 to 75c each; veal calf, 10 and 11 1-2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; suet, 30 to 35c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$6.75 to \$9.25 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal, 6 to 9c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; lambs, 5c to 9c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel; good medium, \$1 to \$1.10.

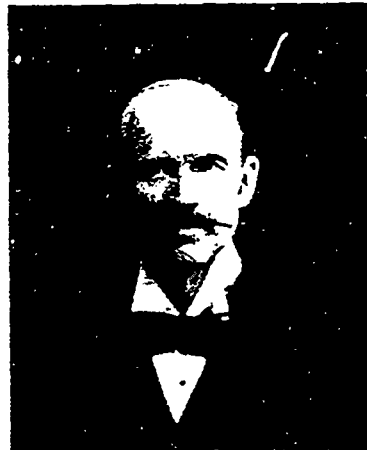
Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

Live Stock—Hogs sold at \$3.50 to \$4 most sales of mixed lots about \$3.80.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

J. M. MACDONALD.

J. M. Macdonald, whose portrait appears herewith, has been making his rounds for many years throughout the west, and he is one of the best known men on the road here. Mr. Macdonald came to Manitoba in the spring of 1881 and took up his residence in Winnipeg, going into business as manufacturers' agent in the firm of Thomson & Macdonald. Mr. Macdonald came here from Collingwood, Ontario at which place he gave up business to move to the new west.



J. M. MACDONALD.

Three years later the firm in Winnipeg was dissolved, and since that date Mr. Macdonald has carried on the business alone. He now carries the samples of McIntyre, Son & Co., dry goods, Geo. D. Ross & Co., commission merchants and manufacturers' agents, and the Alaska Feather and Down Co., all of Montreal, Michael Nunn & Co., manufacturers of oil stoves, Kitchically, Scotland; Ferris Bros., New York, manufacturers corset waists, etc.

During his sixteen years' residence here, Mr. Macdonald has made his trips regularly each season, and he has consequently been a constant witness of the great change which has taken place in the country since his arrival here. He has followed up the new railway extensions each year with his samples of merchandise, and is acquainted with the development that has gone on in all parts of the west.

Mr. Macdonald is a Scot by birth, a native of Invernesshire.

ON THE ROAD.

Karl K. Albert, of Watt & Albert, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, left this week on an extended western trip.

H. P. Fuller, of the Empire Cloak Co., Toronto was in the city this week on his return eastward from a trip as far west as the Pacific coast.

Hugh Niven, who is at present engaged at the head office of the McClary Manufacturing company, in London, is coming to Winnipeg, where he will travel for the Winnipeg branch.

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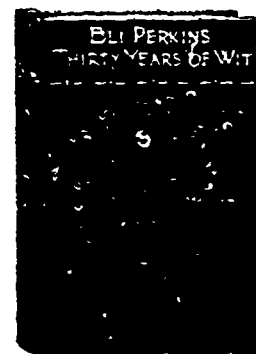
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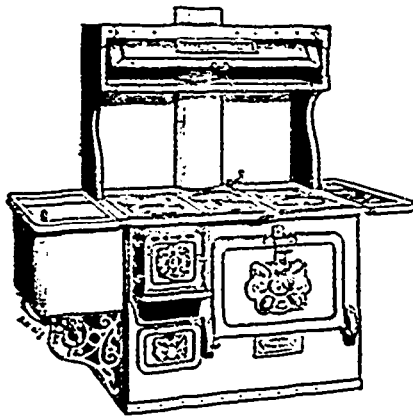
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Nov. 18.

Several months ago the Commercial correspondent was asked by a gentleman connected with the Manitoba Dairy Association to wire quotations for dairy produce posted that day in Vancouver. The quotations were sent local creamery being quoted some 10 cents higher than Manitoba creamery and local eggs 25 cents higher than fresh Manitoba eggs laid down here. A letter was promptly received saying that the members of the Dairy Association could not understand nor would they believe it possible that there was such a disparity between prices of Manitoba eggs and butter, and the local British Columbia articles, and that more care should have been used in wiring the quotations, etc. As a matter of fact the quotations were precisely correct, as they are to-day in The Commercial. In fact Manitoba creamery is retailing at 25 cents in many of the stores, and Chilliwack, British Columbia, creamery at 40 cents, while many of the stores are charging 60 cents for absolutely fresh eggs and are selling Manitoba, or eastern fresh eggs, or case eggs as they are called, at 25 cents. As regards the difference in the price of local and imported butter it is explained as follows by one dealer: "The butter is collected in Manitoba, choice and sweet and placed in a warehouse. From there it is stored in refrigerator cars with, say a temperature of 30. It remains there several days and is then shipped to the cold storage at Vancouver with a temperature of 15 or 20. From there it is taken out in parcels and stored for quick sale in warehouses with a temperature of 50, and a damp, mucky temperature at that. It is then taken to stores in small lots and placed in open windows for display at 25 cents a pound. In the meantime the local creamery is sent by express direct to retailers and sent by them direct to consumers. It is not displayed for sale. It is high priced, scarce, and kept for regular customers willing to pay the price. They arrange with their grocer to have so many pounds a month delivered at 35 or 40 cents a pound as the case may be and there is not enough—never enough—to go around. As long as the freezing process goes on the Manitoba butter keeps fresh, although it may lose somewhat in flavor, by the absorption of moisture in cold storage, but when it is taken out of cold storage no doubt it fails in quality very rapidly. It must also be remembered that the different temperatures the butter is subjected to before it reaches the table of the consumer must also affect its staying powers." With this theory the Commercial correspondent is perhaps, able to satisfy the sceptical why there is such a difference in price between Manitoba and Vancouver creamery. In a great measure the same argument will apply to eggs.

In the flour and feed market there is no change. It was thought better as a guide to farmers to quote the price paid to farmers in British Columbia for oats and wheat. This has recently lead to confusion, and like all other prices quoted in the Vancouver market the jobbing quotation will be hereafter listed, so that the price named for oats and wheat is the price which would be charged to retailers by wholesale houses.

Potatoes are being held for higher prices, and Ashcroft are advancing. The cured meat market is not satisfactory. Word has come to British Columbia from the east that owing to the enormous orders for the Transvaal troops cured meats are advancing, or rather that wholesalers, taking advantage of the fact that big orders were coming in, were stiffening prices. Wires to large eastern houses for certain standard lines of goods brought the response, "none for sale," presumably these houses are holding out. In the meantime, local dealers are not able to charge any more for their goods in British Columbia. It is as if used to be in Winnipeg, but isn't now. In British Columbia if a buyer goes to a retailer for a jobbing order of hams, very often the retailer will either say "I hav'nt got them" and then from pure cussedness quote them below the market, or he will quote them at 1-2 per cent advance of close wholesale prices with 2 per cent off for cash, which gives him an advance of about 1-4 of a cent or so over the wholesaler for the trouble in placing and delivering the goods, while in Winnipeg as a rule, so we are led to believe in British Columbia, should a customer ask for a lot of hams in a big retail store he would be promptly directed to the nearest wholesale establishment that made a business of curing hams and selling them in wholesale lots or importing them for sale, as jobbers. This competition between the wholesalers, jobbers, wholesale grocers, and big retail houses, keep the profits pared down to a fine point.

British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Nov. 18.

Choice fresh eggs are scarce and local fresh are bringing fancy prices. Local iron butter is also bringing a high price. Other lines unchanged.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 40 to 45c; Manitoba creamery, 24 1-2 to 25c; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 60c per dozen, as to quality; eastern eggs, 20 to 21c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per box; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.25; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 per box; pears, \$2; bananas, \$2.75 to \$2.85; fruits. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Apples, \$1 to \$1.25 box; local pears, \$1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60, four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.60; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c. Breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12 1-2 to 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 12c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb., in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; bloaters 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 11-2c per lb.; carrots, tur-

nips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New hay, \$14; old, \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 12 1-2c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots, 10 to 17c per lb.; peaches, 10 to 12c; plums, 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins, \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 12c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c, walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, 1c and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 21-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$6.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 18.

The market has been steady this week. The only change noted is a decline of \$2 per ton on oats.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 25c; choice dairy butter, 20c.

Cheese—15c.

Eggs—Fresh eastern, 22c per dozen; pickled, 21c.

Oats—Per ton, \$27.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.00.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Items.

High McCausland has opened in the boot and shoe business at Nelson.

Jeha Gallipeau, of Huntington, Que., will establish a machine shop and foundry at Grand Forks.

A. McLean, gent's furnishings, boots and shoes, etc., Kamloops, is opening in the same business at Revelstoke.

L. Monier, of Cascade, is establishing a bonded warehouse at Columbia, which he will make the headquarters for his wholesale business.

The wholesale cigar firm of Creed, Slater & Co., Vancouver, has assumed. One of the partners, Mr. Slater, died in October, and to this fact is partly attributed the failure.

Superintendent Sharp, of the Dominion government farm at Agassiz has shipped his fruit exhibit for the Paris exposition. An attempt has been made to choose quality rather than quantity or variety.

H. P. Rickett & Co.'s annual report of the Canadian sealing fleets catch in the Pacific shows a total catch for this year by 25 vessels and the Indians of 36,471 seal skins, 23,969 of which were taken in Behring Sea. This is the largest catch since 1896.

The village of Port Essington was destroyed by fire on Monday, Nov. 10. The loss will amount to \$70,000. The cannery of Robert Cunningham, warehouse, wharf, and a lot of Indian dwellings were burnt. Cunningham will rebuild the cannery. Port Essington is situated at the mouth of the Skeena river.

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MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

War Eagle mining stock which broke to \$2.56 on Nov. 14, rallied again on the 15th and went up to \$2.64.

Another smelter is to be erected at Grand Forks for the treatment of low grade ores. The manager of the present smelter is in the deal.

Ross and ore shipments for the week ending Nov. 11 exceeded 6,000 tons, the greatest output for any one week in the history of the camp.

J. M. Williams, representing a London, England, syndicate, has bonded the Whitewater mine, on Rover Creek, near Nelson, from W. J. Goepel and his associates for \$50,000. The bond extends over six months.

A circular has been issued to the shareholders of the War Eagle Mining company by the manager announcing that he would be unable to have the annual statement ready for at least three months. The announcement caused the price of stock in the market at Montreal to drop to \$2.58.

The ore shipments from Slovan Lake point its aggregate 2,938 tons since January 1st of this year. The shippers were: Boson, 580 tons; Marion, 20; Enceprise, 650; Tamarac, 20; Black Prince, 10; Chapleau, 15; Comstock, 120; Emily Edish, 60; Fidelity, 3; Noonday, 520. Vancouver, 320; Wakefield, 580.

The North Star mine, East Kootenay has just let a contract for a cable wire rope tramway, to cover a distance of 6,000 feet, for the purpose of handling its ore. A water power plant is also to be installed. There is upwards of 10,000 tons of ore to sight in the stopes of this mine, a conservative estimate of its value being \$1,000,000.

It is said that the Canadian Pacific will not extend its line from Greenwood to Midway for the present, owing to the lack of rails. The rails on hand will be used to construct a spur from the main line to the Wellington camp. In this camp are the Winnipeg, the Brandon and Golden Crown, the Old Iron-rides, the Knob Hill, the B. C., and other mines which are ready to ship.

The following new companies have been incorporated: Pay Roll Gold Mining & Milling company, of Cranbrook, capital \$500,000; Kinkora Mining company, of Greenwood, capital \$100,000; Chatham & Ymir Consolidated Gold Mining company, of B. C., of Rossland, capital \$1,500,000; Venus Gold Mining company of Nelson, capital \$1,000,000; Cap Sheaf Copper

and Gold Mining Co. of Texada Island, capital \$2,000,000.

Goderham and Blackstock, of Toronto, have made another mining combination in British Columbia, to be known as the St. Eugene Consolidated with \$3,500,000 capital in dollar shares. The properties concerned are the Lake Shore, Moyle, and Queen of the Hills, all owned wholly or in part by the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate or by J. C. Drowry, managing director of the Canadian Gold Fields, and the St. Eugene, which Goderham and Blackstock bought last July. These mines are roughly valued at \$2,000,000.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The Epton syndicate have bought out the Bully Boy mine, Rat Portage district.

The gold production of the Mikado mine, Rat Portage, reached the highest point yet in October, approximating 1,600 ounces.

J. V. Campbell, representing a body of Montreal capitalists, has purchased locations D 11 and S 129 in near proximity to the Mikado.

The Glass Reef Gold Mining Co. of Wabigoon, has completed its organization. Development work on the mine is to be pushed all winter.

The properties known as the Gold Hill, Blues Jack, and other adjoining mineral claims in the Rat Portage district have been transferred to the Britannia Consolidated Gold Mining Company of Ontario, Limited, with head office at Ottawa and business office in Montreal.

A Boston company—The Institute Consolidated Mineral Co.—has obtained a transfer of the five locations in the Manitow country, containing the Mile Noonan vein. It is proposed to sink a shaft 200 feet deep at once, and to get everything in readiness for the installation of a 50-stamp mill next spring.

Grain Man Assigns.

H. S. Paterson, grain merchant, Winnipeg, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to John Telfer, of Macdonald, Man. Those who know Mr. Paterson will regret exceedingly to learn of his business difficulty which is due almost entirely to the continued depression in the grain markets. It is understood too that heavy losses were made on last year's business. This season has been an unfavorable one for the grain men, as the market has gone badly against holders, and prices paid here have often been above export values.

H. H. Dunbar, hotel Duncan City, has assigned.

Wm. C. Ferleyhough, hotel, Victoria, has sold out to H. Muller.

Wm. Jensen, "Hotel Dallas," Victoria, is succeeded by Mrs. Watt.

Wm. Scott, saloon, Victoria, has sold out to Wm. C. Ferneyhough.

J. Meik'ejohn, hotel, Vancouver, has sold out to Edwards & Stephens.

Yak-Columbia Lumber Co., Ltd., Greenwood, has been incorporated.

British Columbia Condensed Milk Co., Ltd., New Westminster, has been incorporated.

Victoria Wire Works, Market & Weber, proprietors, Victoria, have dissolved. Jos. Market continues.

The usual rumor of an attempt to corner hay and grain is in circulation. It is said that farmers are being offered \$10 and \$11 for hay at their ranches.

The shipping trade is very active. All the lumber mills are running full blast and Oriental steamers have their entire freight capacity spoken for for a long time ahead.

The Pacific coast sealing water for 1898 is 35,271 skins. For 1897 it was 27,898 and for 1896, 30,410. There were fewer schooners engaged this year than for the last six years.

Hardware men report a general maintenance of the activity in trade. Jessop's best bar steel has advanced 6.4 cent. Word has been received by letter from Sheffield, England, noting an advance of 5 per cent on nearly all manufactured steel and iron goods.

Poultry and game are in good demand and the market is cleaned before the poultry can be exhibited for sale by advance orders. Turkeys and geese bring 25 cents a pound retail. All fresh eggs guaranteed can be disposed of at 60 cents retail without any advertising.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the following companies: The United Canneries of B. C., of Vancouver, capital \$500,000, to acquire the united canneries of the Scotch-Canadian Salmon Packing company, English Bay Canning company, Malcolm & Windsor, and Anglo-Canadian Salmon Packing company. Yale-Columbia Lumber company, of Greenwood, capital \$500,000.

The creamery at Shellmouth, Man. will continue operations all winter.

Le Prix Courant, of Montreal, has issued a special fall number finely printed and tastefully arranged in every way.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 18.

Dry goods—The sorting trade is petering out somewhat owing to the mild weather, which is making business rather slow. Cold weather would improve the demand for heavy goods very much. More spring goods are selling now than season lines, and values are very firm. Cablegram says fine woollen yarns have advanced fifteen per cent over all previous advances.

Hardware—Trade is active for the season, although some lines show a slackening from last week. Pig tin is easier. Values remain generally firm. The discount on agricultural wrenches has been reduced to 90 per cent. Chicago spring butts are 5 per cent dearer. Linseed oil is 1c dearer. Shot is now quoted 5 per cent off list instead of 15 per cent as formerly. Sharp advances have taken place in woodenware, such as hoop palls, jam palls, nests, keelers, palat or shipping kegs, oyster palls and covers, spruce butter tubs and covers, extra butter tub covers, bamboo brooms and \$1.30 to \$1.35 per dozen dearer. Matches 15 to 25c per case dearer.

Groceries—Activity in fancy lines is the feature. Canned goods are also active. Corn is dearer and is now \$1.10. Tomatoes \$1. Beans are 5 to 10c dearer at 90 to 95c. Pumpkins 10c dearer at 85c. Refined sugars advanced 5c this week. Fluman haddies and steak cod 1c dearer. Lemons 25c dearer. Sweet potatoes scarce, and 50c dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 18.

The country grain markets are dull, owing to buyers having dropped prices 1 to 2c. Oats are 1-2c lower for car lots. Dressed hogs are about 15c per 100 lbs. lower. Butter is weaker. Eggs firm. Wool is a fraction higher. Hides are 1-4c higher again this week, making an advance of 1-2c in two weeks.

Four—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$3.05 to \$3.10 per barrel for car lots. Toronto freight.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 64 1-2c to 65c for cars at country points, Ontario spring, 65 1-2 to 66 1-2; No. 1 hard, 75 to 78 1-2c, grading in transit, and 77 to 77 1-2 Toronto.

Oats—New oats, 24 to 27c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 3c. country points. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton, bran, \$11.50 to \$12 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.35 in bags per barrel, and \$3.45 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 17 to 18c. No. 1 lined, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c; poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—11 1-2 to 12c for job lots to the local trade for late makes.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured cows, 10c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 75c; calfskins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried apples—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 40c per pair; turkeys, 8 to 9c per pound; geese, 5 to 6c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds for car lots.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 14.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 680 cattle, 500 sheep and lambs, and 800 hogs.

Export cattle—Prices range from \$4.25 to \$4.40 per cwt. for heavy cattle and \$4 to \$4.25 for lighter stock. A few choice lots sold as high as \$4.65 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Market very flat. Good heifers sold as low as \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. and good mixed lots at \$3 and less. Choice picked lots sold at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—Yearling steers, weighing 500 pounds, sold at \$2.20 per cwt.

Feeders—Good heavy feeders sold at \$3.46 to \$3.60 and light feeders at \$3. Feeding bulls ruled from \$2.60 to \$3 per cwt. Light stock bulls \$2 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Market dull. Lambs unchanged at about \$3.00 to \$3.30 per cwt and a trifle better for picked lots. Sheep, export ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Hogs—A further drop was recorded of 1-8c per pound to \$4 per cwt for hogs running 160 to 200 pounds. Light and heavy fat, \$3.62 1-2; sows, \$3.00; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 17.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 61 car loads, including 350 cattle, 750 sheep and lambs, and 2,200 hogs.

Export cattle were steady as were also butchers' stock, at Tuesday's prices. Sheep and lambs were higher, export ewer selling at 31-4 to 31-2c per pound, and lambs at \$3.25 to \$3.65 per 100 lbs. Hogs same as on Tuesday.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 14.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 1,200 cattle, and 1,500 sheep and lambs.

Fair demand for good cattle. Too many poor animals, and such were 1-4c lower. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2c; good at 4 to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c; common at 2 1-2 to 3c and inferior at 1 3-4 to 2 1-4c. Sheep were in good demand from shippers for suitable stock at 31-1c per pound. The culls sold at 21-2 to 3c. Good lambs sold at 33 1-4 to 4c, and common at 31-4 to 31-2c per pound.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles hogs sold at 4 to 4 1-4c per pound for straight lots weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Nov. 17.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 1,200 cattle and 1,400 sheep and lambs. Best steers brought 1c per pound; fair to good, 5 to 31-1c, and inferior grades 21-4 to 23-4c. Sheep sold at 31-1c and lambs at 3 1-2 to 4c. Hogs were worth 41-4c off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 18.

Oats quiet and lower at 29c. Flour

steady. Feed in good demand and unchanged. Meal brisk. Hides firm. Eggs fairly active, candled 1-2c higher at 17 to 18c, seconds at 14 to 16c. Butter is easier, dairy being quoted at 16c to 16 1-2c, and creamery 3-4c lower, at 19 to 20c. Cheese is quiet, and 1-8c lower all around. Beans are firm and higher. Potatoes steady. Poultry in lighter demand and turkeys 1-2 to 1c lower.

Oats—25c afloat. **Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70. Manitoba patents, \$1.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 1c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 75c. Tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 22c; candled, 17 to 18c, second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy 16 to 16 1-2c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 19 to 20c. **Cheese**—Western finest, 11 to 11 1-4c; eastern, 10 1-2 to 10 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.35 to \$1.45 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—Per bushel, 40c.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 8c; geese, 6 to 6 1-2c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Nov. 13.—There was a brisk demand for the cattle offered owing to short supplies. Prices advanced 1-2c since this day week. States cattle sold at 12c to 13c and Canadians at 10 1-2 to 11 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. **Liverpool, Nov. 17.** Canadian cattle sold 1-4 to 1-2c lower at 11 3-4 to 13c, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

London, Nov. 17. Beet sugar was 3-4d higher at 9 1-2d for November.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. **Liverpool, Nov. 17.** Quotations are steady at 5s 6d for white and 5s for colored.

INSPECTION OF HORSES.

The Dominion minister of agriculture has ordered sections 40 and 42 of the regulations governing the inspection of horses to be put into force at all points in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. They require the inspection of the following horses by competent veterinarians, authorized by the minister of agriculture, at the port of entry, when imported into Canada from the United States, viz.: Horses admitted for general purposes, horses for stocking ranches; horses or cow ponies for cattle ranches; horses forming part of settlers' effects; horses for racing, show, exhibition or breeding purposes; horses for pasturing or winter feeding, and horses for sale. In the case of settlers' horses and horses for breeding the inspection fees are paid by the department of agriculture. In every case the owner of the cattle pays cost of tuberculin, which is supplied by the department of agriculture at 10 cents per dose.

New York Wheat

New York, Nov. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 3-8c, closed 71 3-4c b. May opened 75 3-8c a, closed 75 7-8c a.

New York, Nov. 14.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 1-4c, closed 72c b. May opened 75 1-4c, closed 76c b.

New York, Nov. 15.—Wheat, Dec. opened 71 1-2c, closed 72c a. May opened 75 3-8c, closed 76c a.

New York, Nov. 16.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 to 1-8c, closed 72 1-4c b. May opened 76 1-8c, closed 76 1-4c a.

New York, Nov. 17.—Wheat — Receipts 4,000, exports 121,000, sales 3,715,000 futures and 240,000 export. Options opened weak at 1-2c decline, under lower cables and local selling in anticipation of 1,000,000 bushels increase in the visible supply Monday. Advanced 1 1-2c to 5-8c on covering and light receipts, but again turned easier following Bradstreet's statement, and closed weak at a not decline of 1-4c to 1-2c.

New York, Nov. 18.—December wheat closed at 72c, and May at 75 3-4c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 67c a. May opened 70 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 71c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 31c. May opened 32 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 32 1-2c a. Oats, May opened 23 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 23 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.62 1-2, closed \$9.65 a. Jan. opened \$9.55, closed \$9.55. Dec. opened \$8.12 1-2, closed \$8.12 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5, closed \$4.97 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.85, closed \$4.82 1-2c b. Jan. opened \$4.95, closed \$4.92 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.28 1-2, Dec. \$1.28 1-4.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 1-2c, closed 67 3-8c b. May opened 70 1-2c, closed 71 1-4c b. Corn, Dec. opened 30 7-8c, closed 31 1-8c a. May opened 32 1-4c, closed 32 1-2c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-2c. May opened 23 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.60, closed \$9.57 1-2 a. Dec. opened \$8.05, closed \$8.07 1-2 b. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.95, closed \$4.87 1-2. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.86 b. Dec. opened \$4.77 1-2c, closed \$4.80. Flax, cash \$1.30, closed \$1.29 1-4c.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 7-8c, closed 67 1-4c b. May opened 70 7-8c, closed 71 1-8c b. Corn, Dec. opened 31 1-8c, closed 31 1-8c b. May opened 32 3-8c, closed 32 1-2c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-2c. May opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.57 1-2 a. Dec. opened \$8.05, closed \$8.05 b. Jan. opened \$9.47 1-2, closed \$9.45 a. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.87 1-2, closed \$4.87 1-2 a. Jan. opened \$5.07 1-2, closed \$5.07 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.77 1-2, closed \$4.75. Jan. opened \$4.87 1-2, closed \$4.90. Flax, cash \$1.30, Dec. \$1.29.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Wheat, Dec. opened 67 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 67 1-2c b. May opened 71 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 71 1-2c a. Corn, Dec. opened 31 1-4c, closed 31 1-2c b. May opened 32 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 32 3-4c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 22 3-4c a. May opened 23 7-8 to 2-4c, closed 24 to 1-8c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$9.05, closed \$9.07 1-2 b. Jan. opened \$9.47 1-2c, closed \$9.42 1-2c b. May opened \$9.57 1-2, closed \$9.52 1-2c b. Lard, Dec. opened \$4.87 1-2c, closed at \$4.82 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.07 1-2, closed 5.05 b. Ribs, Dec. opened 4.75, closed \$4.75 a. Jan. opened \$4.87 1-2, closed \$4.87 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.29. Dec. \$1.28. May \$1.28.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Wheat—Dec. opened 66 7-8c to 5-8c, closed 67c to 1-8c; May opened 70 7-8c, closed 71 1-8 b. Corn—Dec. opened 31 3-8, closed 31 3-4 a; May opened 32 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 32 7-8c a. Oats—Dec. opened 22 3-4, closed 22 7-8 b; May opened 23 1-8 to 2-4c, closed 24 1-8 to 1-4c. Pork—Dec. opened \$8, closed \$8; Jan. opened \$9.45, closed \$9.47 1-2; May opened \$9.55, closed \$9.57 1-2. Lard—Dec. opened \$4.82 1-2, closed \$4.82 1-2 b; Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.07 1-2 b.

Ribs—Dec. opened \$4.75, closed \$4.82 1-2; Jan. opened \$4.87 1-2; closed \$4.92 1-2.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Wheat opened at 67 1-8c for December option and ranged from 66 7-8 to 67 1-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Nov., 67c; Dec., 71; May, 71 1-8c.

Corn—Nov., 31 3-4c; Dec. 31 3-4c.

Oats—Nov. 23c; Dec., 23c.

Pork—Nov. \$7.77 1-2.

Lard—Nov., \$4.85.

Ribs—Nov., \$4.80.

A week ago December option closed at 67 1-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 66 7-8c; two years ago at 65 1-8c; three years ago at 75 7-8c; four years ago at 56 1-4c; five years ago at 53 3-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.29 1-2 for cash; December \$1.28 1-4.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—Dec., 64 3-4c; May, 68 5-8c.

Tuesday—Dec., 65c; May, 69c.

Wednesday—Dec., 65c; May, 69 1-8c.

Thursday—Dec., 65 1-2c; May, 69 3-8c.

Friday—Nov., 65 5-8c; Dec., 65 1-8c.

May, 69 1-8c.

Saturday—Dec. 65 1-4; May, 69 1-8c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 64 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 63 1-4c; two years ago at 57 7-8c; three years ago at 70 3-8c; four years ago at 53 3-4c; five years ago at 57 1-8c; and six years ago at 60c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Nov. 18.—Wheat closed 1 8d higher.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Nov. 17.—4 p. m.—Consols for money \$1.03 9-16, do. for the account, \$1.03 11-16; Erie 13 7-8; Erie firsts preferred, 29; Illinois Central, \$1.18 1-4; U. P. preferred 79 1-2; St. Paul common, 129 5-8; N. Y. C. 142; Pennsylvania 67; Reading 10 7-8. N. P. preferred 77 1-2; Atchafson 24; Louisville 59 1-2; Bar silver 27. Money 3 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 1-16 per cent; for three months bills 4 1-16 to 3-4 per cent. G. T. R. 7 1-2; Anaconda 9 1-2.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received until Tuesday, 12th December, 1899, for the construction of two buildings, a post office and an examining warehouse, for the Dominion government, at New Westminster, B. C.

Scaled tenders will be received by Hogarth & Murphy, Fort William, Ont., up to Friday, Dec. 1st, for the following wood: 1,000 cords of jack pine, 500 cords of tamarac and birch, 500 cords of spruce and poplar. Tenders for the whole or any part thereof will be considered. All wood to be delivered between Slate River Crossing and Slate River bridge.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed quiet and steady to-day at 67 to 67 1-8c for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William. Lake freights are again lower this week, at 2 3-4c per bushel, Fort William to Buffalo, which is a reasonable rate for last half of November, a decline of 3-4c within ten days.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Nov. 18.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 63 1-4c for December; May, 67 1-2c; cash No. 1 northern 65c.

Western Business Items.

A licensed victuallers' association has been formed at Nelson, B. C.

B. Sherlin, hardware and lumber, Repton, has admitted his son into partnership.

Spencer & Jackson have put in a stock of furniture and harness at Leduc, Alta.

The creamery at Otterburn, Man., destroyed by fire. It belonged to Barre & Mignault.

W. D. Coates, drugs, Rat Portage, is reported to be admitting F. W. Caniff into partnership.

John Simpson has purchased the carriage repair business of R. Squires at Skoal Lake, Man.

F. F. Johnston, Northern Hotel, Port Arthur, Ont., is applying for transfer of license to Walsh & Co.

Gainer & Ritchie have opened a grain and produce business in Edmonton. W. Armstrong is in charge.

Edwin L. Meit, representing The Mail and Empire, of Toronto, paid The Commercial a visit this week.

Wm. C. Cole, furniture and second hand goods, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction and discontinuing business.

W. Endicott, general merchant, Pilot Mound, has taken T. C. Preston as a partner, under the firm name of Endicott & Preston.

J. S. Armistage has purchased J. F. Boyd's interest in the lumber yard on the north side of the river at Minnedosa, Man.

O. Howard has formed a partnership with S. J. Moore, and bought out Jos. Lawrence's interest in the machine business at Crystal City, Man.

J. D. McArthur, railway contractor, has completed the grading of the Great Northwestern Central railway to a point 22 miles west of Hundola, Man.

There is apparently an enormous financial growth in Vancouver for the past twelve months. The clearing house returns for the second week in November for the present and past year are: 1898, \$560,499, and for 1899, \$1,236,128, an increase of \$675,629. The inland revenue returns show an increase over October, 1898, of \$6,282.46, and the customs house returns show an increase of \$32,593.15 over October 1898.

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